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SUBJECT: BRAZIL ADDRESSES MESSAGE TO UN ON HUMAN RIGHTS/RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

- 1. SUMMARY. IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, BRAZIL SENT UN A MESSAGE WHICH WAS INTERPRETED IN ONE NEWSPAPER AS INDIRECT DIG AT U.S. RACIONAL PRACTICES, AS A RESPONSE TO U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS CRITICISMS. END SUMMARY.
- 2. ON THE OCCASION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, PRESIDENT GEISEL SENT UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM A BRIEF ON BEHALF OF BRAZIL, WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS READ AT THE MARCH 21 COMMEMORATIVE SESSION OF THE UN.
- 3. MESSAGE OPENED WITH STANDARD PARAGRAPH CONDEMNING APARTHEID AND SUPPORTING UN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION. IT WENT ON TO DECLARE THAT, "BRAZILIANS SHARE THE CONVICTION THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT RESPECTED IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE RACIAL CONNOTATIONS DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF RESPEC UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR LIBERTIES AND INDIVIDUAL GUARANTEES." MESSAGE CONCLUDED BY CONTRASTING THIS SITUATION WITH THE BRAZILIAN EXAMPLE OF A SPONTANEOUSLY AND HARMONIOUSLY INTEGRATED SOCIETY.

4. WITH SINGLE EXCEPTION, PRESS GAVE NO MORE THAN USUAL ATTENTION TO MESSAGE, ALTHOUGH IT TOOK NOTE OF AN ITAMARATY DENIAL OF SUGGESTIONS THAT TEXT, PARTICULARLY THE SECOND AND THIRD

SEGMENTS, WAS VEILED DIG AT US IN REPRISAL FOR US HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT CRITICAL OF BRAZIL. ONE EXCEPTION TO GENERALLY LOW-KEY PRESS TREATMENT WAS BRASILIA'S CORREIO BRASILIENSE, WHICH HEADLINED EVENT AND INTERPRETED IT AS GEISEL'S TURNING OF THE TABLES ON THE US AND JIMMY CARTER. CRIMMINS

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